

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s):** Olaf Winterhalter **Examiner:** Lenard A. Footland**Application** 10/725,972 **Confirmation** 4970**Filed:** December 2, 2003 **Group Art** 3682**For:** **HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING FOR A SPINDLE MOTOR**

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Restriction Requirement of January 18, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.☐ A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		-	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims		-	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

TOTAL = \$0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$XXX in payment of the fee for additional claims is transmitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.20 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 057517.0011. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
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Respectfully submitted,

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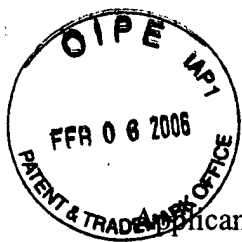
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF JANUARY 18, 2006

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of January 18, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on February 18, 2006, 2005.

The Examiner has stated that Figures, 2, 3, and 4 are patentably distinct species of the invention

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the Claims readable on Figure 2 (Claims 1-14), without traverse. Applicant, however, would like to clarify that Figures 3 and 4 show the same embodiment, where the pressure profile of this embodiment is shown in Figure 4.

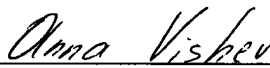
The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is

required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely.

Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 057517-11.

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